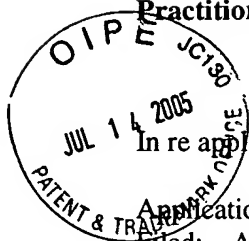


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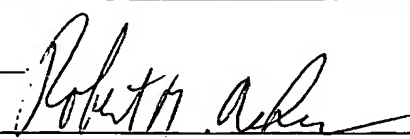
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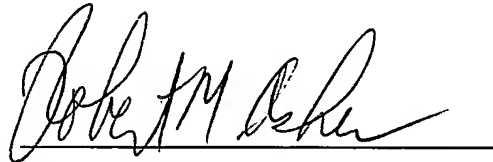
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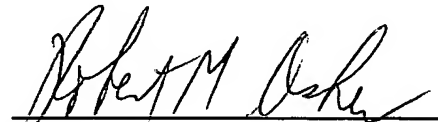
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3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
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Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. section 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

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SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Percival Attorney Docket: 1348/111
Serial No: 10/709,040 Art Group Unit: 2188
Date Filed: April 8, 2004 Examiner Name: Namazi, M.
Invention: A Method and System for Coherently Caching I/O Devices Across a Network

**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
	EW	US 5,369,757	Nov. 29, 1994	Spiro et al.	395/575

OTHER DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Author	Title of Article, Title of Journal, Volume Number, Page Numbers, Date
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	EY	Kahhaleh, B.	"Analysis of Memory Latency Factors and their Impact on KSRI MPP Performance", Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan, pp. 1-17, April 1993.
	EZ	Carter et al.	"Implementation and Performance of Munin", Computer Science Laboratory, Rice University, pp. 152-164, 1991
	FA	Bennett et al.	"Munin: Shared Memory for Distributed Memory Multiprocessors", Computer Science Technical Report, Rice University, pp. 1-22, April 1989.
	FB	Snaman Jr., et al.	"The VAX/VMS Distributed Lock Manager", Digital Technical Journal, No. 5, pp. 29-44, September 1987.
	FC	Snaman Jr., W.	"Application Design in a VAXcluster System", Digital Technical Journal, Vol. 3, pp. 1-10, 1991.
	FD	Davis, S.	"Design of VMS Volume Shadowing Phase II-Host-based Shadowing", Digital Technical Journal, Vol. 3, No. 3, pp. 7-15, 1991.

	FE	Kronenberg et al.	" <i>The VAXcluster Concept: An Overview of a Distributed System</i> ", Digital Technical Journal, No. 5, pp. 7-21.
	FF		" <i>Distributed Shared Memory: A Survey of Issues and Algorithms</i> ", Computer, pp. 52-60, August 1991.
	FG	Li et al.	" <i>Memory Coherence in Shared Virtual Memory Systems</i> ", ACM Transactions on Computer Systems, Vol. 7, No. 4, pp. 321-359, November 1989.
	FH	Armstrong et al.	" <i>Oracle7 (TM) Server Administrator's Guide</i> ", Oracle Corporation, August 1993.
	FI	Armstrong et al.	" <i>Oracle7 (TM) Server Concepts Manual</i> " Oracle Corporation, August 1993.
	FJ	Dimmick, S.	" <i>Oracle Database Administrator's Guide Version 6</i> ", Oracle Corporation, November 1988.
	FK	Bobrowski et al.	" <i>Oracle7 (TM) Server Administrator's Guide</i> ", Oracle Corporation, December 1992.
	FL	Bobrowski et al.	" <i>Oracle7 (TM) Server Concepts Manual</i> ", Oracle Corporation, December 1992.
	FM	Mohan et al.	" <i>Algorithms for Flexible Space Management in Transaction Systems Supporting Fine-Granularity Locking</i> ", Advances in Database Technology-EDBT '94, 4 th International Conference on Extending Database Technology, pp. 131-144, March 1994
	FN	Mohan et al.	" <i>Efficient Locking and Caching of Data in the Multisystem Shared Disks Transaction Environment</i> ", Advances in Database Technology-EDBT '92 3 rd International Conference on Extending Database Technology, pp. 453-468, March 1992.
	FO		" <i>Abstracts of Some of C. Mohan's Papers and Patents</i> ", IBM Almaden Research, pp. 1-38.
	FP		Plaintiff SuperSpeed Software, Inc.'s Complaint, 4/14/04, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FQ		Defendant Oracle Corporation's Answer, 6/11/04, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.

	FR		Defendant Oracle Corporation's Original (Corrected) Answer, 6/17/04, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FS		SuperSpeed Software, Inc.'s Answers to Oracle Corporation's First Set of Interrogatories, 10/06/04, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FT		SuperSpeed's Motion for Leave to File First Amended Complaint, 2/01/05, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FU		Oracle Corporation's Objections and Responses to SuperSpeed Software, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories, 2/14/05, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FV		Oracle Corporation's Amended Answer, 3/21/05, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FW		Oracle Corporation's Preliminary Invalidity Contentions, 3/25/05, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FX		SuperSpeed Software, Inc.'s Supplemental Answer to Oracle Corporation's First Set of Interrogatories, 4/15/05, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.

	FY		SuperSpeed Software, Inc.'s Second Supplemental Answers to Oracle Corporation's First Set of Interrogatories, 5/20/05, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.
	FZ		SuperSpeed Software, Inc.'s Opening Brief Regarding Claim Construction, 6/03/05, in <i>SuperSpeed Software, Inc., v. Oracle Corporation</i> , U.S. District Court for the District of Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division, C-04-214.

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Date Considered: _____

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Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

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This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. section 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application SN.: 10/683,853, filed on October 10, 2003.

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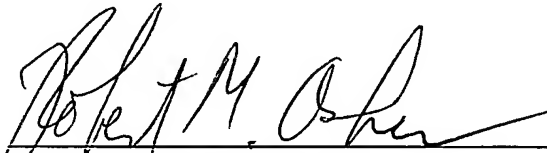
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